

CSWC Operational Period Summary

0600 May 19 2015 to 1800 May 19 2015



An estimated 21,000 gallon oil spill just North of Refugio State Beach coating 4 miles of the shoreline and a sheen 50-100 yards wide , Santa Barbara County 05/19/15.

Photo Credit: Santa Barbara Independent/Paul Wellman

Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Government says four cancer charities are shams

(CNN)—In a rare joint action with attorneys general for each of the 50 states, the Federal Trade Commission says four cancer charities run by extended members of the same family conned donors out of \$187 million from 2008 through 2012 and spent almost nothing to help actual cancer patients. Each of the charities charged were the subject of extensive reporting by CNN in 2013. And in each instance, none of the four charities would comment. We were ordered out of the building at the Cancer Fund of America in Knoxville, Tennessee, and were the object of an obscene gesture by the CEO of The Breast Cancer Society in Mesa, Arizona. The Cancer Fund of America is run by James Reynolds Sr. His son James Reynolds Jr. is the CEO of the Breast Cancer Society. Another charity, the Children's Cancer Fund of America, is run by Rose Perkins, the ex-wife of the elder James Reynolds. He's also the CEO of the fourth charity, Cancer Support Services. The government says the charities claimed to provide direct support for cancer patients, breast cancer patients and children with cancer. "These were lies," the government's complaint says. Jessica Rich, chief of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, says that in all, the charities spent about 97% of donations they received either on private fundraisers or on themselves. Only 3%, she says, went to help actual cancer patients. There was also what the FTC calls "rampant nepotism" at play in all of the charities. For instance, at the Breast Cancer Society, James Reynolds Jr. hired his wife, Kristina Hixson, to be his public relations manager. The complaint states that he also hired Hixson's two sisters, her son by a previous marriage, her mother and her step-nephew. According to the complaint, Hixson's mother had been a caterer. At the Breast Cancer Society, she was hired to write grant applications. Moreover, on their tax returns, each charity claimed millions of dollars in donated goods shipped to overseas locations on behalf of cancer patients. The complaint says the charities never owned any of the goods in question and simply paid a fee to a private firm in South Carolina to ship the goods, called gifts-in-kind. CNN went to Guatemala in early 2014 to investigate anyone who may have received those gifts and could find no evidence that they even existed.

Significant Events – International

North Korea: We have the ability to miniaturize nuclear weapons

(CNN) – North Korea said Wednesday that it has the ability to miniaturize nuclear weapons, a key step in order to fit them atop missiles. "We have had the capability of miniaturizing nuclear warheads, as well as producing multiform weapons, for some time," the North Korean military said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency. "We can also guarantee the accuracy not only of short-to-mid-range but also long-range rocket launches, for which we have had the technology for a long time," it said. Pyongyang's claim appeared to tally with some recent assessments from senior U.S. military officials. U.S. Army Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, the commander of U.S. forces in Korea, said in October that he thought North Korea was capable of miniaturizing a nuclear device. And Adm. Bill Gortney, the commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command, told reporters last month that the U.S. military believed that Pyongyang could put a nuclear weapon on a road-mobile missile and "shoot it at the (U.S.) homeland."

SITUATION SUMMARY

SPILL: 15-2785, Refugio Beach, Goleta, Santa Barbara County

- On 05/19/15 at 1243 hours the California State Warning Center received a report from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department indicating that a ¼ mile sheen was observed off of Refugio State Beach, near Goleta, Santa Barbara County.
- On 05/19/15 at 1510 hours the NRC reported that Plains All American Pipeline advised that crude oil was discovered to be coming out of a transmission pipeline at a Culvert under Highway 1. They estimated the release is greater than 500 barrels. Contractors responded to scene and the action line was shut in.
- Per the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR):
 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW-OSPR) Field Response Teams responded to scene.
 - There are heavy oil impacts to the shoreline around Refugio State Beach. Clean-up crews are addressing the impacts and managing the response to best protect the environment. CDFW-OSPR personnel are working with Local, State, and Federal partners to stand up a Unified Command to manage the response efforts.
 - A CDFW-OSPR Public Information Officer has been activated, and responded to function within the Unified Command. All additional incident information will be disseminated by the on scene Unified Command and/or CDFW-OSPR's Operation Support Center.
 - There are no reports of oiled wildlife.
- The California State Warning Center conducted all appropriate notifications, including but not limited to local government agencies.
- Cal OES Fire Branch and Cal OES Southern Region responded to scene.
- Per the Cal OES Fire Duty Officer, Santa Barbara County Fire (SBC) is in Unified Command with the US Coast Guard (USCG), the incident transitioned to the USCG the evening of 05/19/15.
- Cal OES Duty Officers continue to monitor the incident and provide updates as they become available.
- The source of the spill was capped at approximately 1500 hours but a significant amount of oil reached the ocean at Goleta.
- The Refugio Beach campground has been evacuated at the recommendation of the county Health Officer, and State Parks has offered other vacant state campgrounds nearby for those evacuated.
- The following State personnel are on scene: A Cal OES Fire Assistant Chief, A Cal OES Southern Region Coordinator, Department of Fish and Wildlife, OSPR Field Response Teams.
- Local Animal Rescue and environmental groups such as Clean Seas and the Environmental Defense Center are mobilizing to assist impacted wildlife.
- Initial estimate of cleanup time is 3 days.
- Cleanup efforts were stopped at 2000 hours on 05/19/15 and resumed at 0530 hours 05/20/15.
- ICP will be moving to the County EOC facility on 05/20/15 at 0600 hours. The EOC will not be activated. There will be a 0600 briefing.
- Southern Region ESC will attend the 0600 briefing.
- Highway 1 and associated rail lines have been inspected and cleared for normal operations.
- OSPR has ordered a ban on fishing and the taking of shell fish in the spill area. Report is attached.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

- There are no significant Watches or Warnings in effect at this time

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A series of weak upper lows will bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to mainly the interior each afternoon through Friday, while cool and cloudy conditions will persist along the redwood coast. Shower coverage is expected to decrease over the weekend.

Medford Weather:

Wednesday is a bit different as the low to the west will become the dominant player. Southerly flow aloft will develop and this will allow some monsoonal moisture to filter into the area. A weak deformation area will set up over eastern Oregon, so the best conditions for showers and thunderstorms look to be east of the cascades, although activity will not be limited to those areas. Stability indices indicate that Siskiyou County will also see unstable conditions. On Thursday, the low will drift a bit east, and flow aloft will become more southeasterly, at least initially. The deformation zone over the east side will be a bit stronger. This could be the biggest day for thunderstorm activity. It mainly depends on when the onshore push gets going, as this will suppress activity on the west side. Flow aloft will be generally weak, so some areas may get a good dump of rain. Only the immediate coast will be spared. By Friday, the low will be over Nevada and flow aloft will become northerly. An onshore marine push on the west side will put an end to shower activity there, and the main axis of stability will shift to the east side with the best chance of thunderstorms over Modoc County.

Reno Weather:

A cloudy and cool weather pattern will remain over California and Nevada through the end of the work week, bringing rounds of showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoons and evenings. There is a chance of this pattern continuing through the Memorial Day weekend, but confidence is low at this time.

San Francisco Weather:

Cooler than normal weather will continue along with a slight chance for showers through the rest of the work week. Slight warming can be expected over the weekend into next week as a ridge starts to build into our area.



WEATHER

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

Variable clouds with mainly mountain showers and afternoon thunderstorms through the end of the week as the west coast remain under the influence of a low pressure system. Daytime highs forecast to remain near normal. Mainly Sierra showers next week as another low drops southward out of the Pacific Northwest. Daytime temperatures warming back above normal.

Hanford Weather:

A trough of low pressure will remain over the west coast through much of the week and linger into the weekend. A weather disturbance will move into southern California today and tonight with another to follow on Friday. This will keep a daily threat of showers and thunderstorms over the southern Sierra with the threat extending to the entire area on Thursday. Weak high pressure will move over the region this weekend with a warming and drying trend taking place.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

The onshore flow will bring low clouds and patchy fog for tonight. Then a low will arrive on Thursday for below normal temperatures and a slight chance of thunderstorms and showers for Los Angeles and Ventura into Friday. The Memorial Day weekend will have a high system that should bring fair skies and around normal temperatures.

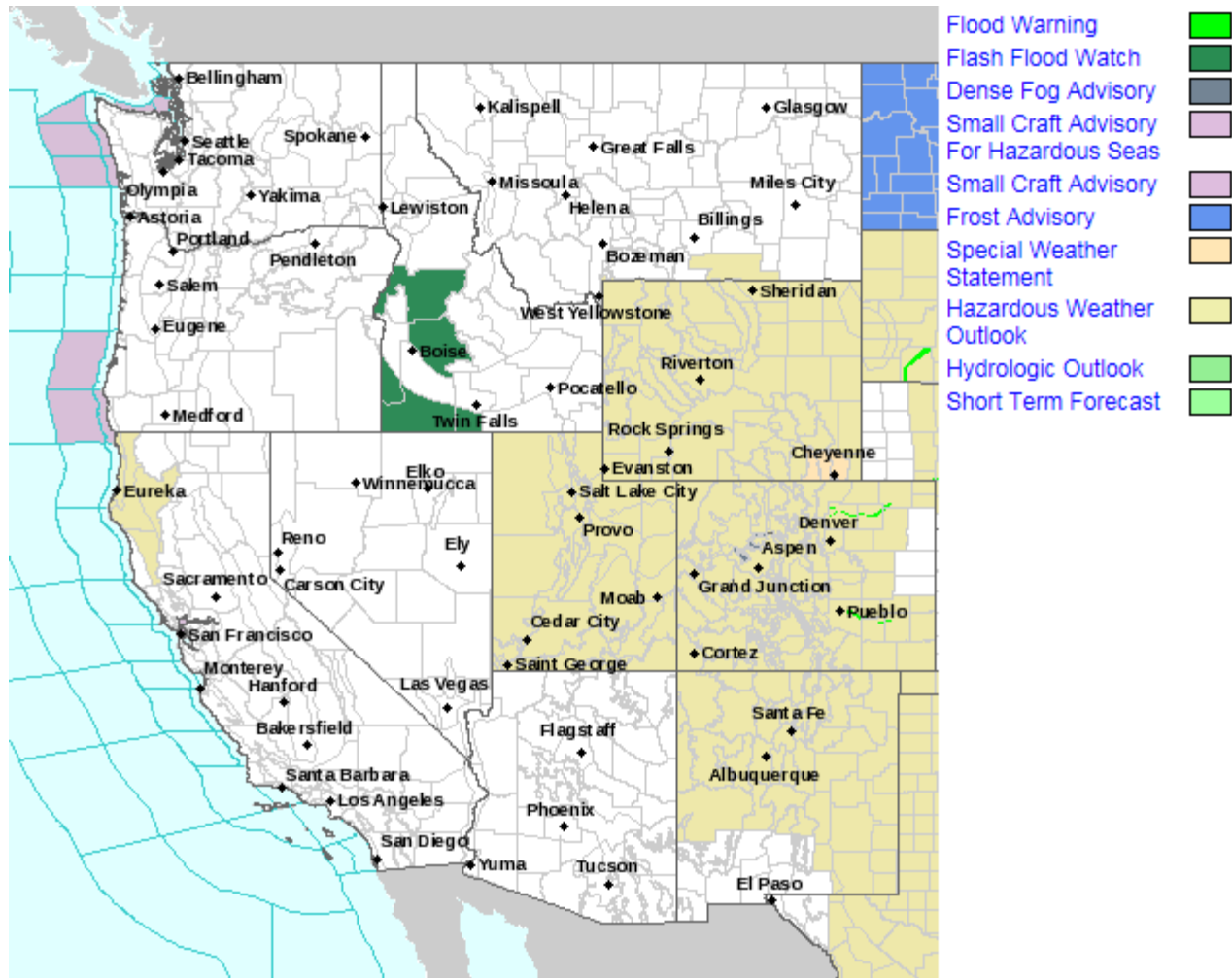
Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Cool weather with a deep marine layer will dominate the weather pattern this coming week. Patchy drizzle is possible tonight in the coastal basin. A low pressure system will move through southern California Thursday night into Friday. It will bring showers along with gusty winds in the mountains and deserts. Cool but dry weather will continue into next week with a healthy marine layer.

Southeast California Weather:

A series of upper level low pressure systems will affect the region through the end of the week, but overall dry conditions will prevail for the lower deserts. This will bring continued cooler than normal temperatures, increased cloud cover, and breezy to locally windy conditions that will last through Friday. A subtle warming trend and dry surface conditions are expected through early next week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a weekly basis.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 57 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 25 Counties: El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 11 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), [City of Porterville \(Tulare County\)](#).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

CAL OES MISSIONS

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-12715, 05/19/15 at 1229 hrs.**, The Cal OES Law Duty Officer (LDO) requested a SAR mission be opened for a Mutual Aid request from San Bernardino County. A missing 86 year old adult male with Alzheimer's walked away from his family camp on Monday morning. Barstow Search and Rescue is currently working the search and is requesting Mutual Aid for 30 Ground Searchers. Cal OES LDO coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-12671, 05/17/15 at 1432 hours**, Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) advised of an ELT sounding in the Concord/Hayward area of Contra Costa County. Cal OES LDO coordinating resources to locate and silence the device.

Closed Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-12703, 05/18/15 at 2319 hours**, Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) advised of a possible ELT sounding near the border of Monterey and Santa Cruz County. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Incident Commander (IC) activated to locate and silence the device. ELT was located non distressed. **Mission Closed.**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.